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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION: JAPAN WHALING INDUSTRY
ESTABLISHES PR COMMITTEE TO COUNTER ADVERSE PUBLICITY

1. JAPAN WHALING ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED PR COMMITTEE, NAMED QUOTE
COUNTERMEASURE COMMITTEE FOR WHALING PROBLEMS UNQUOTE, FEB 12 TO
COUNTER ANTI-WHALING MOVEMENT ABROAD AND ADVERSE PUBLICITY REGARDING
JAPAN'S WHALING ACTIVITY. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS,
COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED TO CORRECT MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABROAD REGARDING TRUE STATE
OF
WHALE RESOURCES AND OF JAPAN'S WHALE FISHERY AND IMPORTANCE WHALE IN
JAPANESE DIET. UNLESS MISUNDERSTANDINGS RECTIFIED, WHALING INDUSTRY
CONCERNED SITUATION MAY DETERIORATE ABROAD, EVEN INFLUENCE DOMESTIC
ATTITUDES, AND CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR JAPAN AT NEXT IWC MEETING.

2. COMMITTEE ORGANIZED INTO THREE BODIES. HIGH-LEVEL POLICY WILL BE
SET BY PARENT COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF PRESIDENT OF WHALING ASSOCIATION
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(IWAU FUJITA) AND PRESIDENTS SIX WHALING COMPANIES. A BOARD OF

DIRECTORS COMPOSED OF DIRECTORS OF WHALING DIVISIONS IN EACH OF SIX COMPANIES WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISIONS ON PRACTICAL MATTERS. CHAIRMANSHIP OF BOARD WILL BE ROTATED. OHTSURU, DIRECTOR, WHALING DIVISION, NIPPON SUISAN, NAMED FIRST CHAIRMAN. IN ADDITION, SECRETARIAT ESTABLISHED IN WHALING ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL. KAWAMURA, DEPUTY MANAGER, WHALING DIVISION, TAIYO GYOGYO, APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SECRETARIAT,

3. EMBASSY HAS TRANSLATED ONE OF MANY ARTICLES IN JAPANESE FISHERY PERIODICALS TOUCHING ON SUBJECT. ARTICLE SELECTED APPEARED IN SUISAN TSUSHIN, FEB 14. ARTICLE CRITICAL OF ANTI-WHALING MOVEMENT BUT REFLECTS GENERAL TENOR ARTICLES APPEARING IN OTHER FISHERIES NEWSPAPERS. TRANSLATION POUCHED COA. COPY MAILED TO DR. WHITE.
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